

VEPCO WINS FIRST PLACE IN SAFETY CONTEST IN NATION

Announcement has just been received by the Virginia Electric and Power Company that its Electric and Gas departments for the system serving Tidewater Virginia and Northeastern North Carolina have won first place in the annual Public Utility Safety Contest of the National Safety Council for the year ended June 30, 1938, and that the first-place award will be made to it at the annual convention of the National Safety Council to be held in Chicago October 10-14.

This safety contest is based on the number of lost-time accidents had per million man-hours worked and among the seventeen public utility companies participating, including some of the largest in the country, the frequency rate ran from 23.87 accidents per million man-hours worked to Vepco's winning low of 2.39, the average frequency rate for the 17 competing companies being 7.61.

The companies winning second and third place in the contest were the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Company, Lincoln, Nebraska, with a frequency rate of 2.96 and the Pennsylvania Power & Light Company, Allentown, Pa., with a frequency of 3.46. Other companies competing included the Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, Georgia Power Company, Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, Philadelphia Electric Company, Columbia Gas & Electric Corporation, Jersey Central Power & Light Company, Wisconsin Power & Light Company, Virginia Public Service Company, Northern States Power Company, Northern Indiana Public Service Company, San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric

Company and the Louisville Gas & Electric Company.

Vepco entered this annual contest for the first time in 1930 and at the close of the year stood ninth place in the finals. Each successive year it has moved closer to the top having occupied second place in the two contests preceding the one ended June 30, this year in which it is first-place winner.

In commenting on the winning, Jack G. Holtzclaw, president of the company said: "The winning of this national honor is the direct result of the splendid effort of each and every member of our organization to work safely throughout the year, and a glance at a chart before me covering the eight years of well-planned accident prevention work shows how well they have succeeded. I am very proud of all of them, and of the honor which they have won for the company and for the communities it serves."

Infant Son Dies

Carl Stanley Johnson, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. LeGrande Johnson, Jr. of Weldon, died at the hospital in Rocky Mount Friday afternoon after a brief illness. Funeral services were conducted at the residence of its grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Vinson, a Saturday morning by the Rev. D. P. Moore. Burial was in Cedarwood Cemetery. Surviving are his parents; a brother and its grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Vinson of Weldon and Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Johnson, Sr. of Greensboro.

Mrs. Robert Pope spent Friday in Franklin, Va.

FACTS vs. FICTION

By BILL RIGGANS

Didn't know until last Saturday that we had some real fishermen in our midst up around Roanoke No. 2. J. W. Brown, J. C. Williams, Alex Thomas and Robert Howell motored down to Nag's Head last Saturday and did these boys really bring home the fish? Alex Thomas reports he had so many fish in the trunk of his car he could hardly see the road over his head. The Old Maestro, J. W. Brown, lays claim to the biggest catch and judging from the slice he presented me, it was no fish tale. All the fellows are complaining about being sore today. My! What a struggle those fish must have put up.

The ball clubs at Roanoke No. 1 and No. 2 have combined forces to try and raise funds to light the softball park at Roanoke No. 2 before the coming season. Plans to date are to present to you a series of plays, dinners, dances and what-not to raise money for this cause and to you, dear reader, we shall be indebted as to the success or failure of our project.

Patterson Mills have been asked to help in the above proposal but as yet, I don't know whether they have accepted or declined the offer. Here's hoping they help us to get at least one lighted park in our city.

Arrangements have been made to bring to our city at the Roanoke Rapids High School auditorium, Saturday, October 8th, "The Melody Boys" who are featured over WPTF, Raleigh. "The Melody Boys" feature a high class comedy act, dancing, singing, modern swing music, and good old fashioned hill billie tunes. You people who like to be entertained, la yaside your worries of the day and come see "The Melody Boys"

that we all might see night softball in our city next season.

The Set-Back Tournament down at the No. 1 and No. 2 Recreation hall is still going strong with thirty-six teams competing for top honors. Last week's tournament was won by Army Glover and W. A. Owens, who played the entire set without dropping a game. This week seems as if W. Wrenn and W. Cutler are the head dusties to date but as you know, anything can happen in a tournament. F. S. Kemp and Alex Thomas are making the boys sit up and take notice in this week's tournament. Frank has named W. T. Hodges and J. W. Brown the (B) team as they now are in second position but just you watch, time will tell.

Manager Singletary informs me that the ping-pong tournament is a big success and each night finds another big crowd of anxious players ready to match their skill with the best.

Dancing both round and square still goes on at the club two nights each week and believe it or not, Roanoke Rapids really has some people who can pat and leather. Come on out to your Club and have your fun while the people are always happy.

Mrs. Andrews was the happy winner of the new one dollar bill donated by Astor Richardson for the nearest guess on a jar of paper clips displayed at the Club entrance. This week's guessing game is a jar of shot and donor of the prize will be H. J. Horne. Come in and try your luck. You may win, who knows?

Edward Taylor of Danville, Va. spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Taylor.

Full-Fashioned Hosiery Mills Moving South

Charlotte, N. C.—The movement of full-fashioned hosiery mills from Pennsylvania and other Northern States to the South has taken very definite form and is growing, according to David Clark, editor of the Textile Bulletin and the Southern Knitter.

Mr. Clark states that in recent months the following North Carolina towns have secured full-fashioned hosiery mills, the machinery in most cases coming from Pennsylvania mills, Aberdeen, Concord, Fayetteville, Gastonia, Gibsonville, High Point, Liberty, Marion, Monroe, Morganton, Mt. Holly, Pilot Mountain, Ramseur, Randleman, Siler City, Tryon, Valdese and Wilsom.

During the same period ten full-fashioned mills have found locations in Virginia, one in South Carolina, seven in Georgia, one in Alabama, four in Florida, three in Mississippi and three in Tennessee.

Full-fashioned hosiery mills are especially desirable because of the character of the work and their high wage scale.

Mr. Clark states that he has reports to the effect that a number of other Pennsylvania full-fashioned hosiery mills have definitely decided to move South but have not yet selected their locations.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our thanks and gratitude to every one who tried to make our burdens lighter during the short illness, and death of our darling, Tommy.

The beautiful floral offerings, and many kindnesses shown during our bereavement, will always be remembered.

We wish to express our thanks also to the doctors and nurses who stood by to the end. May Heaven's richest blessings be your reward.

Mr. and Mrs. Collis Davis,
Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

It CAN Happen Here

The disastrous hurricane which started in the Caribbean about 1500 miles Southeast of Miami, Florida on Saturday, September 17th, swept up the South Atlantic coast off Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas, finally hitting Long Island and the New England coast with devastating fury Wednesday afternoon, September 21st.

The coastal country of North Carolina and Virginia had high winds and high seas, but fortunately for us this "Maverick" hurricane swung to the Northeast and later toward the North and caused US comparatively slight damage. Passing Hatteras in the early morning it traveled about 600 miles in less than 12 hours, cutting a path of death and destruction approximately 200 miles wide through the New England States. Several hundred lives were lost and the property damage caused by wind, floods and fires after the storm will run into several hundred million dollars. The total cost is not yet fully known.

Insurance can't prevent windstorms, but it can indemnify for losses. If your property is not now covered against windstorm losses do not put it off until too late, but immediately secure the necessary protection. The rates are low and the cost is comparatively small.

The new "EXTENDED COVERAGE ENDORSEMENT", which can be attached to your regular fire insurance policy, provides coverage against Windstorm, Cyclone, Tornado and Hail and in addition also protects against loss or damage resulting from: Explosion, Riot, Riot Attending a Strike, Aircraft, Smoke from Stationary Heating Plant, Vehicles and Loss of Use (Rental Value), which is limited to 10% of the amount covering on building. The last coverage is applicable only to dwellings and pays 1-12 of 10% of the amount of insurance for each month the dwelling remains untenable.

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